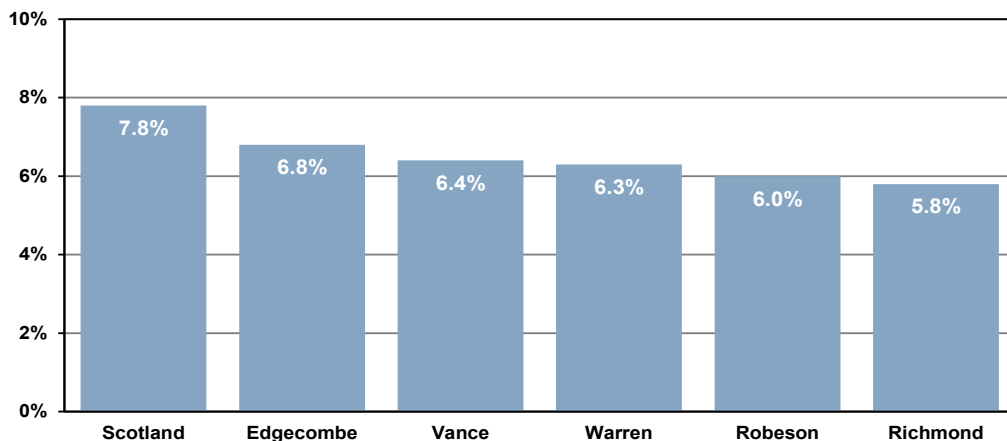


Counties With Highest Unemployment Rates September 2021* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



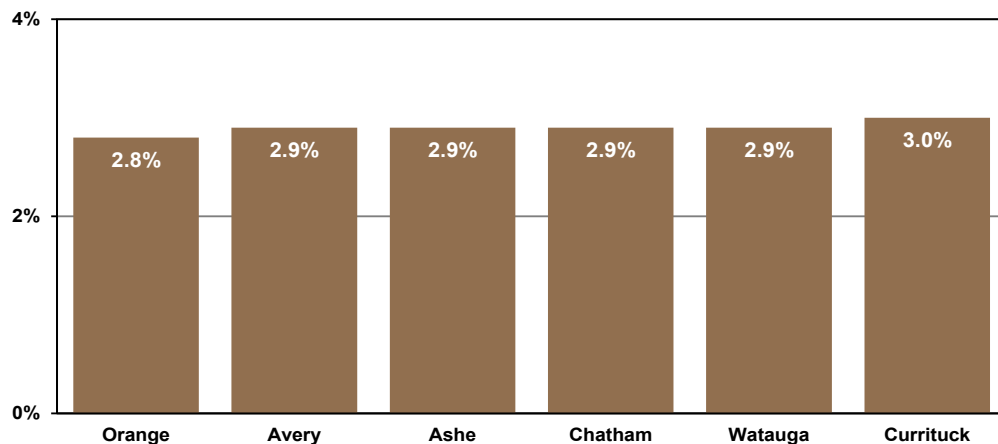
North Carolina's statewide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.8 percent in September. This decreased 0.6 of a percentage point from August's revised rate, and declined 3.3 percentage points over the year.

Over the month, the unemployment rate decreased in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. Fifty-seven counties had unemployment rates at or below the state's 3.8 percent rate.

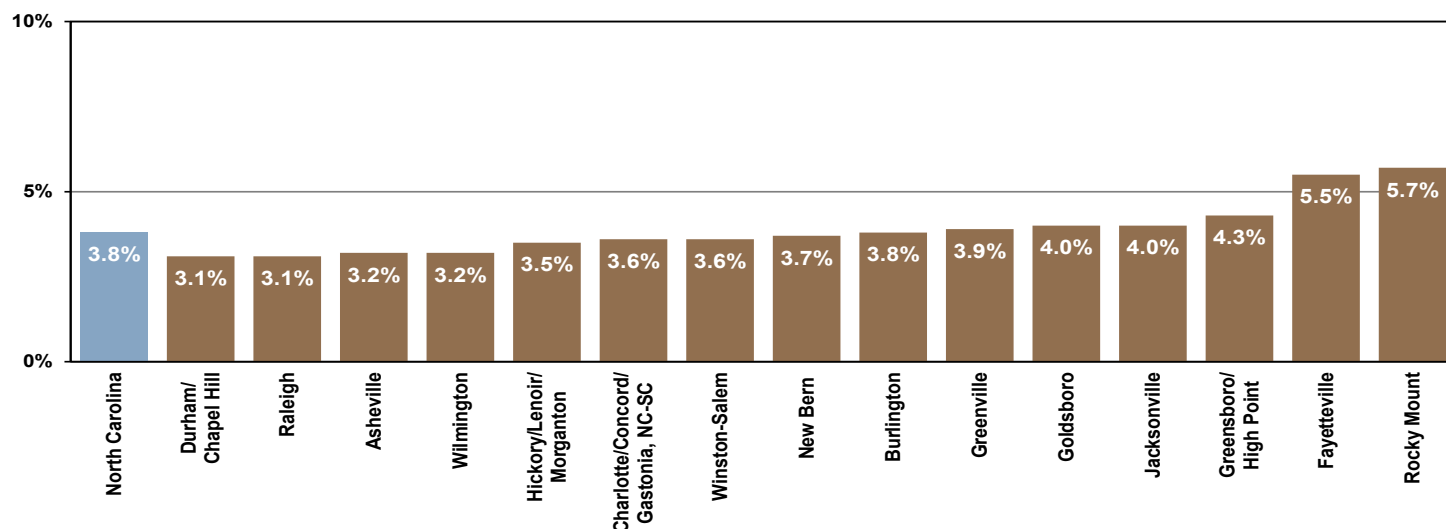
Scotland County recorded September's highest unemployment rate at 7.8 percent, followed by Edgecombe at 6.8 percent. Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.8 percent, followed by Avery, Ashe, Chatham, and Watauga Counties at 2.9 percent.

Unemployment rates decreased in all of the state's 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month. The Rocky Mount MSA had the highest unemployment rate in September at 5.7 percent. The Durham/Chapel Hill MSA and Raleigh MSA reported the month's lowest unemployment rate at 3.1 percent each.

Counties With Lowest Unemployment Rates September 2021* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



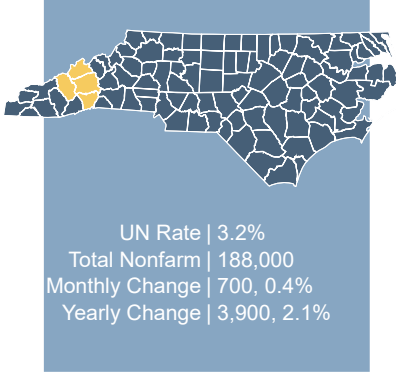
Metropolitan Statistical Areas' Unemployment Rates September 2021* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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Asheville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



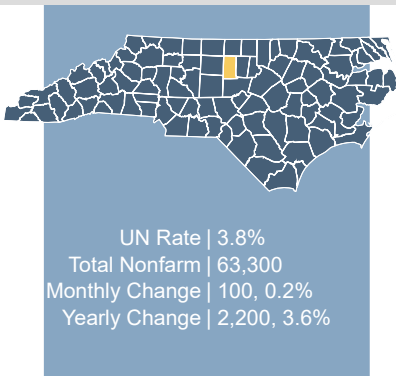
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	500 1.4%
Information	-100 -5.9%
Financial Activities	-100 -1.5%
Professional & Business Services	300 1.7%
Education & Health Services	-500 -1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,200 -4.3%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,700 7.0%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	500 5.4%
Manufacturing	1,300 6.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 1.1%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	100 1.6%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.6%
Education & Health Services	-1,300 -3.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,600 10.8%
Other Services	300 3.3%
Government	100 0.4%

Burlington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



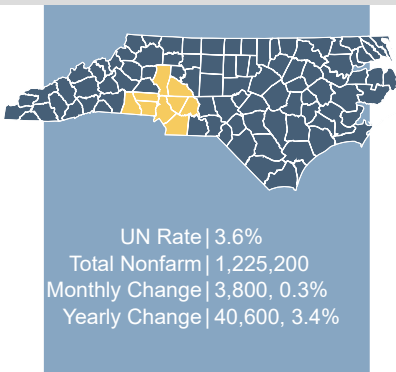
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	100 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-200 -2.7%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	200 3.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 6.3%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,100 8.6%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -5.0%
Professional & Business Services	400 7.0%
Education & Health Services	200 1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	100 1.4%
Other Services	200 8.3%
Government	100 1.5%

Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



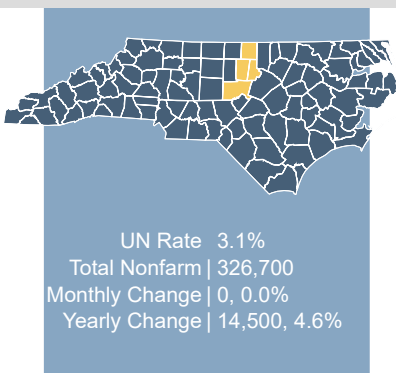
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	600 0.9%
Manufacturing	-600 -0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.1%
Information	-200 -0.8%
Financial Activities	-500 -0.4%
Professional & Business Services	800 0.4%
Education & Health Services	500 0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-3,800 -2.9%
Other Services	600 1.4%
Government	6,200 4.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	2,500 3.7%
Manufacturing	-100 -0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,700 1.5%
Information	1,100 4.9%
Financial Activities	2,700 2.5%
Professional & Business Services	13,200 6.4%
Education & Health Services	1,400 1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	13,700 12.1%
Other Services	1,600 3.8%
Government	800 0.5%

Durham/Chapel Hill MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -1.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.2%
Information	-100 -1.7%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.6%
Professional & Business Services	-600 -1.2%
Education & Health Services	-1,000 -1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	400 1.7%
Other Services	-100 -0.9%
Government	1,700 2.7%

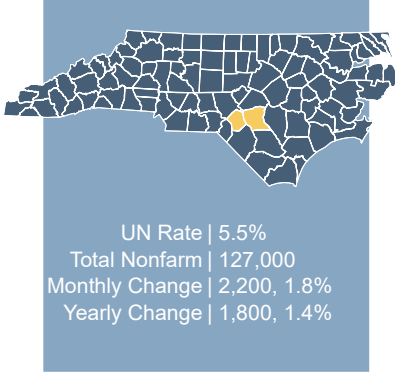
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	600 6.5%
Manufacturing	1,100 3.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,000 5.2%
Information	500 9.3%
Financial Activities	400 2.5%
Professional & Business Services	5,500 12.0%
Education & Health Services	500 0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,800 19.2%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	100 0.2%

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Fayetteville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



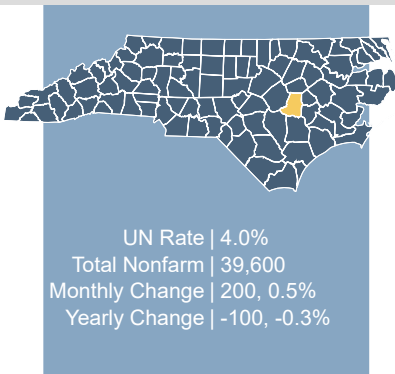
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	2.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.4%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	-100	-0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	0	0.0%
Other Services	0	0.0%
Government	2,100	5.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	200	4.1%
Manufacturing	300	3.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-200	-0.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-300	-2.7%
Education & Health Services	100	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,400	16.7%
Other Services	100	2.3%
Government	-800	-2.0%

Goldsboro MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



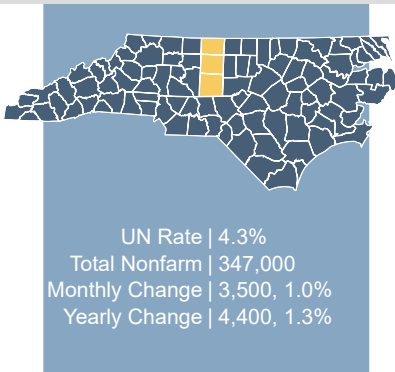
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	400	4.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	*	
Manufacturing	*	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*	
Information	*	
Financial Activities	*	
Professional & Business Services	*	
Education & Health Services	*	
Leisure & Hospitality	*	
Other Services	*	
Government	200	2.2%

Greensboro/High Point MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



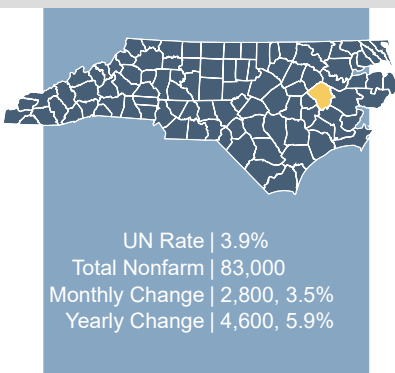
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	100	0.6%
Manufacturing	-100	-0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700	0.9%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-0.5%
Professional & Business Services	0	0.0%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-900	-2.7%
Other Services	-100	-0.9%
Government	3,900	10.6%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	800	5.0%
Manufacturing	800	1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,100	2.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	-200	-0.4%
Education & Health Services	500	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,800	6.0%
Other Services	100	0.9%
Government	-1,500	-3.6%

Greenville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	100	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	0.8%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100	1.3%
Education & Health Services	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	100	1.2%
Other Services	-100	-4.2%
Government	2,500	9.2%

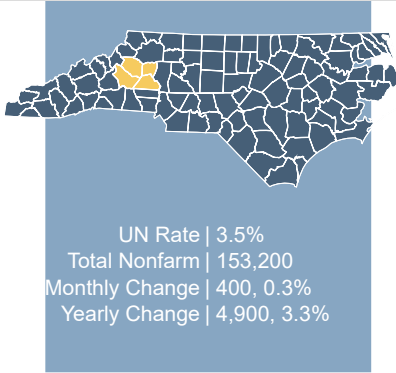
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change	
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100	-3.0%
Manufacturing	200	3.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400	3.5%
Information	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	-100	-4.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,200	17.4%
Education & Health Services	300	3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	400	4.9%
Other Services	100	4.5%
Government	2,200	8.0%

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Hickory/Lenoir/Morganton MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



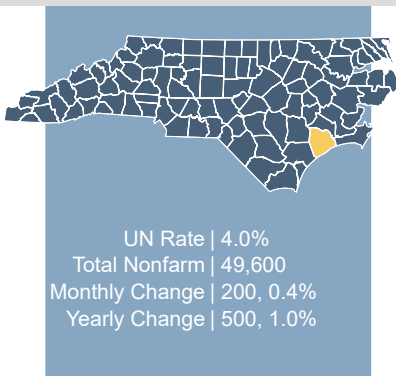
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	-200 -0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100 0.3%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600 -4.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,100 5.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	400 8.5%
Manufacturing	1,800 4.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300 1.0%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	200 1.5%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,700 13.8%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	500 2.3%

Jacksonville MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



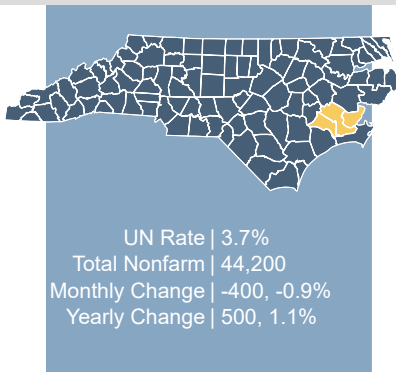
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	500 3.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-500 -3.5%

New Bern MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



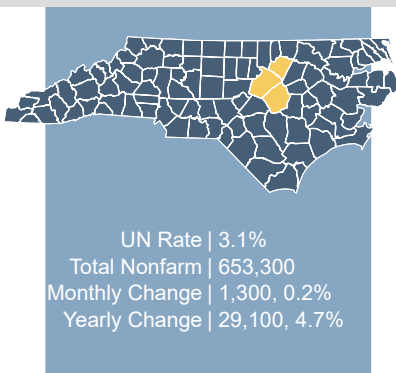
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	100 0.7%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	*
Manufacturing	*
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	*
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	*
Education & Health Services	*
Leisure & Hospitality	*
Other Services	*
Government	-100 -0.7%

Raleigh MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-600 -1.3%
Manufacturing	200 0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200 0.2%
Information	-200 -0.9%
Financial Activities	-500 -1.4%
Professional & Business Services	-800 -0.6%
Education & Health Services	300 0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,900 -2.8%
Other Services	-300 -1.2%
Government	4,900 5.4%

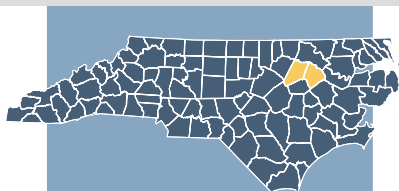
Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	3,400 8.2%
Manufacturing	2,100 7.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,900 4.2%
Information	200 0.9%
Financial Activities	1,300 3.9%
Professional & Business Services	5,700 4.5%
Education & Health Services	2,300 2.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	10,400 18.8%
Other Services	-200 -0.8%
Government	-1,000 -1.0%

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Rocky Mount MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



UN Rate | 5.7%
 Total Nonfarm | 53,700
 Monthly Change | 0, 0.0%
 Yearly Change | 1,300, 2.5%

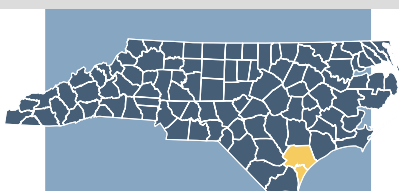
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	0 0.0%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-100 -1.9%
Other Services	*
Government	200 2.1%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	100 4.0%
Manufacturing	-800 -8.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	700 6.2%
Information	*
Financial Activities	*
Professional & Business Services	200 4.3%
Education & Health Services	100 1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	500 10.9%
Other Services	*
Government	100 1.0%

Wilmington MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



UN Rate | 3.2%
 Total Nonfarm | 134,100
 Monthly Change | 200, 0.1%
 Yearly Change | 6,300, 4.9%

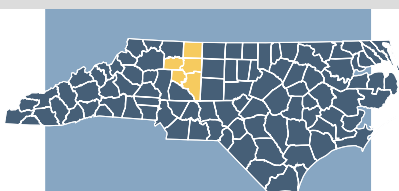
Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-200 -2.0%
Manufacturing	0 0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-100 -0.4%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	0 0.0%
Professional & Business Services	100 0.5%
Education & Health Services	0 0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	-600 -2.9%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	1,000 4.2%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	600 6.4%
Manufacturing	200 3.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	0 0.0%
Information	100 3.2%
Financial Activities	200 3.2%
Professional & Business Services	2,000 11.8%
Education & Health Services	300 1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,300 13.1%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	600 2.5%

Winston-Salem MSA | Total Nonfarm Employment | September 2021



UN Rate | 3.6%
 Total Nonfarm | 266,600
 Monthly Change | 1,800, 0.7%
 Yearly Change | 8,800, 3.4%

Over-the-Month Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	-100 -0.8%
Manufacturing	300 0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	400 0.8%
Information	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	-100 -0.8%
Professional & Business Services	-100 -0.3%
Education & Health Services	-700 -1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	-800 -2.9%
Other Services	0 0.0%
Government	2,900 10.5%

Over-the-Year Employment Change

Industry	Change
Mining, Logging & Construction	200 1.7%
Manufacturing	1,500 4.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	900 1.9%
Information	100 6.7%
Financial Activities	200 1.6%
Professional & Business Services	2,500 7.2%
Education & Health Services	200 0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,300 9.5%
Other Services	200 2.5%
Government	700 2.3%

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Over the month, 12 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs experienced net job increase. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase with 3,800, followed by Greensboro/High Point, 3,500; Greenville, 2,800; Fayetteville, 2,200; Winston-Salem, 1,800; and Raleigh, 1,300. Greenville had the greatest percentage increase at 3.5%, followed by Fayetteville, 1.8%. It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted series.

Over the year, employment increased in 14 of North Carolina's 15 MSAs. Charlotte/Concord/Gastonia, NC-SC had the largest net employment increase at 40,600, followed by Raleigh, 29,100; Durham/Chapel Hill, 14,500; Winston-Salem, 8,800; and Wilmington, 6,300. Greenville had the greatest percentage increase at 5.9%, followed by Wilmington, 4.9%; Raleigh, 4.7%; and Durham/Chapel Hill, 4.6%.

